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STATE RCI//OPERATIONS CENTER MR FRY, NMCC//ATTENTION
CIA REP, TREASURY DEPT//INFO FOR [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
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ITEM NO: ①

DATE: 30 AUGUST 1974

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AGAINST LEFTIST LEADER

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VASSOS LYSSARIDIS, MAVERICK LEFTIST AND CONFIDANT OF ARCHBISHOP
MAKARIOS, WAS SLIGHTLY WOUNDED IN AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT IN
NICOSIA EARLIER TODAY. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF HIS POLITICAL
PARTY'S YOUTH ORGANIZATION WHO ACCOMPANIED HIM WAS KILLED AND HIS
WIFE WOUNDED. FOLLOWING THE ATTACK, LYSSARIDIS TOOK REFUGE IN THE
GREEK EMBASSY WHERE HE WAS VISITED BY VARIOUS GREEK CYPRIOT
LEADERS.

IN A SUBSEQUENT INTERVIEW WITH REPORTS, LYSSARIDIS APPEALED TO

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HIS SUPPORTERS TO SHOW SELF RESTRAINT AND NOT TAKE REPRISALS. SPOKESMEN FOR HIS PARTY'S YOUTH ORGANIZATION ISSUED A SIMILAR STATEMENT. OFFICIALS OF THE PARTY AND THE YOUTH ORGANIZATION HAVE SCHEDULED A MEETING FOR LATER TODAY.

A DEMONSTRATION WAS HELD IN FRONT OF LYSSARIDIS' RESIDENCE AFTER THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT IN WHICH PROTESTERS ACCUSED THE CIA OF MASTERMINDING THE ATTACK. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ANOTHER DEMONSTRATION IS BEING PLANNED FOR LATER TODAY BUT THE LOCATION IS UNKNOWN. THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS AT THIS TIME THAT THE DEMONSTRATIONS WILL BE DIRECTED AT THE US EMBASSY.

LYSSARIDIS WENT INTO HIDING AFTER MAKARIOS' OVERTHROW, FEARING FOR HIS LIFE, AND REAPPEARED ONLY AFTER GLAFKOS CLERIDES BECAME ACTING PRESIDENT. THE ATTACK WAS PROBABLY PLANNED, MOST LIKELY BY RIGHT-WING EXTREMISTS, SINCE THEN. IT MAY ALSO BE A WARNING TO CLERIDES, WHO HAS JUST REMOVED THE LAST OF THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH THE RIGHT-WING SAMPSON REGIME AND REAPPOINTED INDIVIDUALS ASSOCIATED WITH MAKARIOS TO KEY GOVERNMENT POSTS. CLERIDES HAS ALSO ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION TO CURB EOKA-B, THE

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RIGHT-WING TERRORIST ORGANIZATION WHICH PARTICIPATION IN THE
COUP AGAINST MAKARIOS. THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT WILL PROBABLY SPARK
FURTHER ACTS OF VIOLENCE BETWEEN EXTREMIST FACTIONS ON THE ISLAND.

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